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United Nations photo

June 2 is International Children's Day

What better day could there be to raise your voice for peace—for children like these two at the United Nations nursery school for secretariat members, and for their brothers and sisters all over the world? The shared apple in the photo above was one of several bushel donated by the Washington State Assn. for the UN.

WAR & PEACE

Europe's fears grow as Washington beats war drums

BOASTS of America's unrivaled power to make war rose to a new pitch last week. **U. S. News** found the nation "supreme" in air, on sea and land, in industry, "management brains, skilled manpower, technicians," and with ten or more A-bombs for every major Soviet industrial center; the "fact of American power, once recognized, [would] have rather profound effects."

Banner headlines related atomic tests

at Eniwetok to development of the H-bomb. Washington columnists said censored testimony before Senate committees investigating MacArthur's ouster revealed U. S. possession of "fabulous new weapons . . . able to revolutionize warfare and to change the entire balance of world power" (Robert Allen, May 24). A strong hint of preventive war came from Stewart Alsop & R. E. Lapp in the **Saturday Evening Post:**

> **There are those who believe the Kremlin will never attempt a surprise blow against this country. . .. [But] war if it comes will surely be an atomic war. For even if the Kremlin does not strike first, this country will use the bomb. The U. S. will use the bomb because . . . there is no other way in which the U. S. can strike effectively at Russia in case of war.**

"NO WAR SCARE HERE": Returning to Moscow after eight months in the U. S., **AP**'s Eddy Gilmore found "the skyline . . . closer to the heavens," lights brighter, trees greener, and "no war scare here." Soviet papers continued to feature the End the Korean War resolution introduced in the U. S. Senate, May 17, by Edwin Johnson (D-Col.). In Washington Johnson told leaders of Ford Local 600, UAW-CIO, which supported his resolution, that Washington papers had not "printed one line" of it. From those few sections where it was printed he had received overwhelmingly favorable mail.

Robert C. Hendrickson (R-N.J.) was the only senator to date to support the resolution. But Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.) said at Hobbs, N. M., that the U. S. is an "intruder" in the Korean civil war and will reap "only bitter hatred and deep resentment."

President Truman urged citizens to pray for peace, but he and his State Dept. ignored the Johnson resolution; Secy. Acheson broadcast a special message to Soviet Georgia (Stalin's birthplace) calling upon it to seek liberation.

LESS BRAVADO, MORE HUMILITY: Urging a settlement over the UN radio, Canada's Lester Pearson said "complete capitulation" was not necessary, called for "more humility and understanding" from the West and realization that "our civilization must now be considered as only one of many." But the U. S. delegation readied a new resolution on Korean war aims, designed to render obsolete its previous commitment to discuss China's admission to UN and the future of Formosa, and put out that it would introduce new measures including diplomatic sanctions against China.

In Korea UN communiques claimed a rout of the "second Chinese offensive" (no "offensive" has been mentioned in North Korea communiques). In the "first offensive" UN claimed 20 Chinese-North Korean casualties for every one UN casualty; in the "second," 36 to 1. Hanson Baldwin, **N.Y. Times** military commentator, said any casualty ratio larger than 8 or 9 to 1 should be treated with the greatest reserve, and pointed out that the Korean-Chinese main reserve had not been committed, their air force not used. The Chinese in Korea seemed to be using hit-and-run guerrilla tactics as hitherto.

"INDECISIVE, ENDLESS, MEANINGLESS": On Capitol Hill Army Chief of Staff Collins joined Gens. Bradley and Marshall in asserting the war must be "limited" for reasons of global strategy. But Secy. Acheson refused to repudiate Asst. Secy. of State Dean Rusk's speech May 18 committing the U. S. to destruction of the Peking regime.

The Rusk speech and Acheson's insistence that it merely restated known principles dismayed UN, created a new crisis in U.S. relations with its allies, particularly Britain. One Western diplomat at UN accused Washington of deliberately waiting until after the vote on the China embargo to spring the Rusk speech. The London **Times** said "quite a few countries would have

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NEW TRIAL SENSATION SUPPRESSED

Trenton and Mock Justice

FOR three years NATIONAL GUARDIAN has insisted that the six Americans whom the State of New Jersey seeks to put to death as murderers could not possibly have committed the crime with which they are charged.

During this month the Trenton Six—some of whom had never even met before they confronted each other in jail—have established through 52 witnesse that they were miles away from the scene of the murder. Three of six "confessions" by defendants were ruled inadmissible after medical testimony that the men were drugged. One after the other, prosecution witnesses have openly perjured themselves or contradicted their own previous testimony.

On a table in the Trenton courtroom where the Six are on trial for the third time, stands a pop bottle which police say was the weapon they used to kill William Horner.

Last week Roy Eisenhart, plant manager of the Royal Crown Bottling Co. at Allentown, Pa., testified that it was one of his company's bottles and was positively in a warehouse until June, 1950—two and a half years after the murder was committed!

YET the trial—outrageous mockery of justice that it has shown itself to be—goes solemnly on.

Declaring that the bottle had been placed in evidence "as part of a scheme to convict men of murder," defense attorney Arthur Garfield Hays moved that the court order an immediate investigation of Prosecutor Volpe's office. Judge Ralph E. Smalley angrily denied the motion.

The Civil Rights Congress renewed its demand for an investigation by Gov. Driscoll of the "monstrous frame-up planned by Mercer County officials and condoned by the State of New Jersey." The CRC warned:

> **Farcical as this second frame-up may seem to some people, there is a tremendous danger that, in order to save Trenton and Mercer County officials from prosecution, these six innocent men will again be found guilty.**

We agree with CRC's estimate of the danger to our six fellow-citizens, and join in its plea for a Johnstown Flood of letters to Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll, Trenton, N. J., demanding that the frame-up be halted now.

BUT the danger to these six innocent men is a symbol of a far wider danger to the whole United States of America in which such "legal" savagery can happen and is happening.

The human sacrifices must be ended. But if those responsible for the Trenton frame-up are not brought to justice, then the citizens of this country may as well write off "American justice" as a quaint old custom read about in history books. The possibility of justice for any of us may as well be abandoned, for "justice" will be firmly under the control of gangsters and the corrupt politicians they nominate, whose sense of public duty and decency is the same as theirs.

Frankly, we do not know if enough of an outcry can be mobilized to save the lives of the Trenton Six.

The Martinsville Seven and Willie McGee are dead. The outcry in behalf of these victims of official blood-lust was not strong enough. Why it was not strong enough is no secret. Most Americans never know the facts. The press and other information media either suppressed them or distorted the "frame-up" charges into the twisted shape of a "communist plot" existing only in their own diseased minds.

THE evidence presented last week shows the Trenton case to be a far more glaring frame-up than either of the others. **Yet none of the "respectable" papers so much as mentioned the ironclad evidence that the "murder weapon" was in a warehouse until two and a half years after the murder!** Readers of most newspapers do not even know the trial is going on.

How are justice and decency going to be saved—how are WE, each one of us, to be free of mounting blood-guilt—if this conspiracy continues?

Isn't this a battle worth fighting? Won't you enter the fight before truth is finally silenced?

—THE EDITORS

THE SIX DEFENDANTS AT TRENTON

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THE MAIL BAG

Hear the howls?

CHICAGO, ILL.

In wartime, people are urged to buy 3% government bonds. If we draft youth to fight wars, we should draft all profit over 3% to finance them. A. Hewlett

Derring Doug

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Here is the true story of MacArthur's heroic capture of the Philippines, as I saw it.

Three weeks after the real capture of Luzon and Leyte by Navy shelling and by the 2d Marine Div. and the 6th, 7th, 77th and 96th Divisions of Regulars, the Big Man and Royal Nonesuch arrived on Leyte. After heroically wading ashore in boot-top-deep water amid the click of cameras and the plaudits of his press-agents, he announced: "By the grace of God and a handful of Marines, I have returned." This is the lovely lie he foisted on our poor gullible American public.

Earl E. Combesta

The Down East spirit

BLOOMFIELD, CONN.

Tell me, please, just what is a Communist? I really do not know. You see, I was born down in the northeastern part of Maine, way back in 1875, and in the little one-room school I was taught that the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights were the very foundation and support of our government, and that living in accordance with the teachings of Christ was the essence of Christianity. I still believe those things, but when I attempt to talk them the people will not listen—they look at me in amazement, and ask, "Say, are you one of those damn Communists?"

Here is another $5 to help a little in your valiant effort to spread the light of truth to the sadly—and deliberately—misinformed people of these United States.

Fred M. Mansur

Financial gangrene

LEWISTON, IDAHO

In most of my 50 years on this earth I have devoted my life to liberal social progress. Way back in the early 1920's when social upheaval broke loose in the world, I saw U.S. capitalism reach out and start pursuing the same policies, locally and abroad, that the capitalisms of Spain, France and Britain pursued against us and the rest of the world when we were yet only colonies, and for the years after when we became a democratic nation. It led to their downfall as great powers in the world.

Today, from these policies, financial gangrene has already eaten a long way upon our financial body and we are well on our way to social collapse. The money powers are solely to blame for this themselves; it is they who are welding the instrument, that is severing the head of capitalism from its body of greed. If they do not halt and agree to place humanitarianism, at home and abroad, on a par with profit and wealth they shall fail as surely as day follows night.

James F. Moore

An old-fashioned brand

WATERLOO, IOWA.

When the people of this country (and Congress) get over their emotional binge occasioned by the Magnificent Warrior's return, perhaps they will settle down to some semblance of straight, clear thinking. Some of them may come to the conclusion that the fate of America does not necessarily depend on the war plans of either MacArthur or Truman.

Ninety per cent of the output of the communications media stresses the idea that the people must choose war of either one of two brands, one labeled Tru-brand, the other Mac's-brand; but war it must be, for there's no other brand available. We differ.

Mister, I'll take the other kind, the one you have hidden under the counter; that one labeled Peace-brand. Yes, I know this brand name is an old-fashioned thing and in bad repute, but it is still good enough for me. There are millions of just plain Joes and Janes who still prefer the Peace-brand to any other. We know what's inside those pretty-picture packages and the nauseating after-taste of the horrible stuff. No, thanks, we don't want either one of them—now or ever. Emmet A. McCoy

The right kind of list

CHICAGO, ILL.

My U.S.A. PEACE DIRECTORY (June, 1951), will list all peace organizations, peace committees, and individuals issuing peace releases and publications. To be listed and receive recognition for your work, send a postcard for my questionnaire, and send all releases and publications issued in 1950 and 1951. Also, keep me on your mailing list for all releases in the future.

Albert Bofman
U. S. Comm. Against Militarization
6329 S. May St.

Mac's mite

DETROIT, MICH.

With all the praise now being heaped on the "Great MacArthur" for his wonderful job in giving democracy to the Japanese people, this clipping from the Detroit Free Press of April 28 struck me as being typical of his "wonderful job."

Bill Marinovich

Unanimous

TONO, Japan —(AP)— All four candidates for mayor in last week's election were jailed on charges of buying votes.

Unprotesting Protestants

ERWIN, TENN.

Meeting recently at Nashville, the national convention of the American Council of Christian Churches (claiming to represent 28,000,000 Protestants) took these steps to advance the specifications of Jesus the Carpenter for peace, brotherhood and the scourging of the moneylenders from the temple: (1) Voted unanimously to oppose the Human Rights covenant of UN; (2) Opposed socialized medicine; (3) Voted that workers aren't entitled to work.

They decided it wouldn't be good to be PROTESTants against the big moneylenders and merchants of death now in the saddle. Compared to the J. F. Dulleses and other Rockefeller and Morgan henchmen leading the American Christian (?) church by the nose, King Herod of old was indeed a piker.

Ernest Seeman

Whoa!

QUEENS, N.Y.

Mac and Harry disagree
Like Tweedledum and Tweedledee—
Mac says, "Let's bomb China or the war won't last,"
Says Harry, "Sure, but you're going too fast."

L. S.

Blossom time

WASHINGTON, D.C.

A letter from one of your correspondents explaining with regret that, because of lack of funds, she is unable to renew her subscription suggests that those of us who are more fortunately situated might well provide you with a special fund to be used to keep such old friends on your mailing list. Here's $5 to start it off. Frederick A. Blossom

Follow the Prices

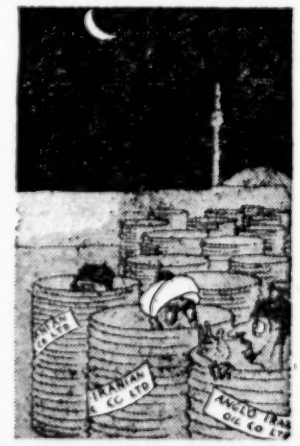
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

In a mood of desperation I started to read my copy of "sanity"—the GUARDIAN. Within a few pages, I received an "injection" of hope in the courage of real Americans. I am referring specifically to the protest action of Mr. and Mrs. Price in keeping their small daughter out of school in the face of horror-provoking civil defense atom-bomb drills. Please allow me to express my thanks to these people. I hope that theirs will not be the only action. Mrs. Hannah Charry

The abundant society

RANSOMVILLE, N.C.

I want to urge all Americans to join the Progressive Party and to take a fresh administration to Washington next year on a platform of world peace and friendship with Russia and 100% guaranteed employment in production of 100% creative goods and services. Let's distribute work, leisure, and abundance equally among all workers and really pull together to build the equalitarian, brotherly, and abundant society. Vernon Ward



Daily Express, London

"It's not that I'm defeatist, Achmet, it's just that I can't get rid of an uneasy feeling that this has been tried before."

ELMER A. BENSON

The challenge of faith

APPLETON, MINN.

OBSERVING the people of our nation and our leaders at work in Washington, I am constantly reminded of the training most of us have had in the Christian faith, and of how miserably we have failed to grasp the challenge of that faith and work for its application in human affairs today.

As I see it, Jesus was a vigorous, courageous leader who pleaded the cause of the poor, the meek and the oppressed. He gave expression to the people's need for a better social order, and instead of paying homage to the war lords of Rome, exalted the peacemakers. This was his crime and he became the victim of Caesar and Roman imperialism.

Were he alive today, he would be attacked as subversive by almost every newspaper in America. For challenging the money-changers of Wall St. he would be jailed as a communist. For opposing war he would be hounded as an enemy agent. For challenging those who engage in race hatred, he would be lynched.

IF he were alive today, he would walk with the oppressed peoples of the earth: with the Chinese, the Africans and the Indians, not with the great imperial powers that rattle the atom bomb.

Can those who profess to be Christians do less? Can we not see that we live in one of the great revolutionary eras of history, when masses of underprivileged peoples are trying to throw off the shackles that bind them to hunger?

This revolution that is in progress should present a glorious opportunity, if we but had the courage to practice the Nazarene's simple teachings. Starvation must be ended. Millions need clothing. There are great rivers to be dammed. Disease must be conquered, fields made fertile again.

Can we who profess to be Christians support a policy that designs bombs and gasoline jelly instead of dams and hospitals? I, for one, cannot. I have written a letter to the president of my church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, asking where he stands, urging that he speak out. What are you doing?

They're pitching in—are YOU?

HARRISON, N.Y.

Here is a V-note for words cannot fully express to you my admiration and gratitude for your courageous paper. Blanche Watson

DARIEN, CONN.

My 11-year-old daughter greeted me as I came in, well after her bedtime, saying, "Have you heard the bad news? Willie McGee"—and burst into tears.

For her sake and because of my own respect for your continued struggle against such tragic injustices, I am enclosing a contribution toward the continuation of the fine work of the GUARDIAN

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Soley

NEW YORK, N.Y.

We are a physically handicapped couple and have to spend practically all we earn. But you fellows do an excellent job fighting for peace, health insurance and everything else that means peace of mind and security. You must stay alive and keep going. Enclosed find $2. To get that kind of dough from us you must really rate.

Name withheld

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

I'm badly in the red, so this $5 contribution is insignificant, and no true measure of my heartfelt enthusiasm for the GUARDIAN.

F. H. Luscomb

LONG BEACH, CALIF.

My GUARDIAN just came with the urgent plea for funds. Find enclosed $5. Wish I could make it $500. We workers are fighting on so many fronts at present that small incomes are split many ways. However, we cannot afford to lose our best weapon, the press.

Val S. Ware

ALBANY, N.Y.

Enclosed is $2 to help you out in our struggle of "darkness" against "light." Keep up the work.

Joseph Roth

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

Just a gift. Do not send me a subscription. Am leaving for the army. Name withheld

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Underpaid and overcharged, but there's always something I can give to the GUARDIAN. R. Jacobs

NYACK, N.Y.

Enclosed is $10 for the GUARDIAN. I am quite shocked to see the paper down to four pages. We must keep it going at all costs. We'll try to shake a few bucks out of some of our friends. C. J. Schwartz

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Academic freedom denied

By George Abbe

Move on, America, along the streets of pain,
From hovels where the stench of terror dwells,
Where garbage rats eat out the hearts of man,
Growing as fat as belly that hunger swells.
Walk forth, my crippled country, Negro and white,
Bugle your anger, trumpet the rising blood
Till the rich man's temples buckle under your might,
Till your marching, singing triumph in turbulent flood.

God is not dead. The fathers who shaped our nation
Anchored Him deep in every word and phrase.
What stood in the reverent stone of our Constitution
Will step forth breathing at last in these latter days.
And God will no longer be a pious fancy,
Or a distant Being, but the sinew that guides the machine,
The blast-furnace melting the earth for world-wide mercy,
The universal law in the act that is seen:—
The old made secure, the sick given care with favor;
Food for all mouths; the right of reward for labor:
This is the God on our coins, which we ground in the dust,
The God we shall raise into fact, and whose truth we trust.

Washington beats the war druums

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voted differently if they had known the Rusk speech was coming."

Pro- and anti-MacArthurites in the U.S. agreed the speech signals adoption of MacArthur's policy. Some UN observers termed it not so much a reversal of policy as the frankest confirmation of charges made last fall to UN by Wu Hsiu-chuan, head of the Peking delegation, that Washington's aim was to destroy New China. Walter Lippmann, commenting that "the Administration has worked itself into a fantastic predicament," wrote:

> It is impossible to reconcile a policy of limited war with a policy which commits us to the overthrow of the Chinese Communist Government. The overthrow of the enemy government is the objective not of a limited but of a total war. . . . The Rusk policy would exclude a negotiated settlement with Red China. The Marshall-Bradley policy would exclude a general war with China. The net effect of the combination of the two contradictory policies is to condemn us to an indecisive and endless and meaningless war in Korea.

BALKING ON ITS KNEES: In Britain the Rusk speech created a furore. The London **Times** said "not even MacArthur went that far." If the U.S. goes through with this policy, said the **Manchester Guardian**, "Britain and France could not possibly go along with her." War Minister Strachey put his government on record against the Rusk policy. His speech was widely interpreted as a formal drawing of the line beyond which Britain would not go.

Britain announced it would not sign a Japanese peace treaty to which Chiang Kai-shek was a party. CBS's Howard K. Smith reported the government would have to resign if it agreed to any further measures against China. But the government (in the words of former Foreign Office expert Sir John Pratt) "have crawled on their hands and knees to America" so long that their power to put a brake now on Washington policy was questionable.

THE BRITISH DILEMMA: The Labour government's position was becoming untenable as the gap between it and the trade unions upon whom it depends for support widened. GUARDIAN's Gordon Schaffer wrote:

> Already the small increases won by railwaymen, engineers, farm workers and other sections have been wiped out by higher costs of food, clothing and other necessities. Every union conference this summer will demand action to secure wage increases. Two ways in which the situation could be retrieved—by cuts in the arms program and by a re-division of the national income to divert to the wage-earners part of the share taken by profits—are ruled out by the government.
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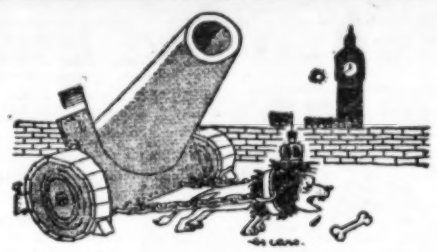
> So far the government has relied on such leaders as Deakin [a British William Green] to hold back workers' demands. But the final dilemma is inescapable. The danger of a Tory government is a very real one. It would attack all progressive forces beginning with the Communists and the peace movement. But there is no escape from the danger of a Labour government following Tory policies. The strength of the working class and its mass organizations is the only bulwark protecting the British people. Behind the demand for peace an ever wider column of public opinion is beginning to mobilize. Not only the workers, but considerable numbers of industrialists and intellectuals are beginning to see where Washington-dictated policies are leading. The basis for a great popular movement for peace and national independence exists in Britain. But much has yet to be done before it can be made strong enough to save the British people.



Liberation, Paris

Chained lion.

THE CHAOS GROWS: In a report from Geneva the UN Economic Commission for Europe last week pictured Western world economy in near-chaos as a result of U.S. rearmament and stockpiling. The commission said the inflationary spiral (for which Washington must bear major responsibility) could not be controlled by present measures, warned that "further inflation appeared inevitable." But the N.Y. **Times'** Michael Hoffmann, from the Hague, said "Western Europe is only beginning to feel the economic repercussions of its defense effort."

Against this background elections were being held in France and Italy which, said the N.Y. **Times'** Anne O'Hare McCormick, "will be watched almost as anxiously as the communiques from the Korean front."

DOLLARS AGAINST DEMOCRACY: Two-thirds of Italy's electorate were to vote three successive Sundays beginning May 27 for city, provincial and regional administrations for the next five years. In the general elections of 1948 Washington poured in millions of dollars and the Vatican mobilized all its resources to defeat the Left. The same forces are now working with the shaky Italian government to wrest from Communist control the city administrations of Venice, Bologna, Genoa and others.

Some 20,000,000 Italians are governed on a local level by Communists elected in 1946. Today the Communists are campaigning on the issues of honest, capable administration and peace, seeking to build a modified popular front against war and fascism. The Vatican has warned that a vote for the Communists and their Left Socialist allies will constitute mortal sin. The laws have been rigged, as in France, to cut down Left representation.

THE BIG FIX: In France, for the general elections June 17, the governing center parties have put up allied lists in over half the voting districts, and in 35 of the districts joined with the extreme Right. Under new election laws abolishing proportional representation (in all but the Paris districts where the center is in a minority), coalitions which get 51% or more of the vote get all the seats of the district.

Large sums of money were reported being sent from the U.S. into France backing de Gaulle, some elements around Petain, as well as the right center. The danger of a de Gaulle triumph, legally or illegally, was said to be great. The Communist Party, largest in the country, was trying to rally a popular front to "bar the road to fascism."

In Austria, Gen. Theodor Koerner, 78, Socialist Mayor of Vienna, upset Washington predictions by defeating Dr. Henrich Gelissner of the rightist People's Party in the run-off election for the Presidency. In the run-off Koerner had Communist Party support; his opponent sought his defeat on the slogan that "a vote for Koerner is a vote for a People's Democracy."

Wall St. Journal

"Could you spare 25 cents for a cup of coffee?"

THE VOLCANO: In Iran the Tudeh (People's) Party called nation-wide rallies for May 28 to push through nationalization of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. The government, caught between the British on the one hand and the great popular movement on the other, delivered an ultimatum to Anglo-Iranian that it send representatives to a nationalization conference within a week. The company said its resident manager would attend as an observer. Joseph Alsop reported from London that the British and U.S. are trying to bring a new government to power in Iran in order to have "somebody serious to negotiate with." He wrote:

> Judging from here, a firm suppression of the Persian Parliament, ruthless martial law, and dictatorship by decree constitutes the minimum price of any new government which is to enjoy real control in Iran.

But such an effort, Alsop thought, would probably bring a Tudeh rising; the alternative—economic sanctions—would have the same effect. Because of the "intervening deterioration" of Iran's army, a Tudeh rising, he said, would probably succeed.

Churchmen urge talks with U.S.S.R.

IN CHICAGO the General Board of the National Council of Churches, an affiliation of 29 denominations, called upon the U.S. government to "explore every honorable alternative to war" and to negotiate its differences with the Soviet Union. It authorized the General Dept. of United Church Women to send a delegation to President Truman to ask for a "pledge to the world that the U.S. will not become the aggressor in any war."

In Iowa most farmers were too busy planting corn to pay much mind to anything else, but **Wallace's Farmer & Iowa Homestead** editorialized:

> In the spring rush season, the click of the corn planter and the squealing of pigs almost drown out the thin, far-away voices of folks arguing in Washington. Farmers, when they hear that distant buzz, are likely to shout back:
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> "What are you doing to wind up the war in Korea? And the cold war with Russia?"
>
> . . . Truman says to kill more North Koreans and Chinese in the limited war and presently they may sue for peace. Can't we do better that that? Why not ask at once for an armistice?

JOHNSON INVITED: In Boston Edwin B. Goodell Jr. headed a newly-formed New England Citizens Concerned for Peace, invited Sen. Edwin Johnson (D-Colo.) to attend a peace conference there on June 23 to discuss his proposal to end the Korean war on June 25, its first anniversary.

- In Washington ten leading scientists, writers, clergymen endorsed a statement by the National Council Against Conscription calling for a change in U.S. foreign policy. They included Albert Einstein and novelist Louis Bromfield.
- In San Francisco Dr. Eugene Eagle, an optometrist, was conducting a one-man peace campaign; through his patients he collected 800 signatures to a petition he drew up himself, sold 1,000 postcards addressed to the President.
- In Lemont, Ill., Mrs. Mary Phillips, long an active campaigner, had a dozen of her neighbors sign a letter to the President beginning:

> We, the undersigned, want neither all-out war (MacArthur policy) nor limited war (your policy), we want PEACE.

CHICAGO CONGRESS: All over the country peace groups and organizations were preparing for the American Peace Crusade's three-day National Congress in Chicago beginning June 29. The Crusade planned to collect 10,000,000 peace ballots in a nationwide poll on three points: (1) immediate ending of the Korean war; (2) Big Five negotiations for world peace; (3) continued

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France is sitting on a load of U.S. dynamite

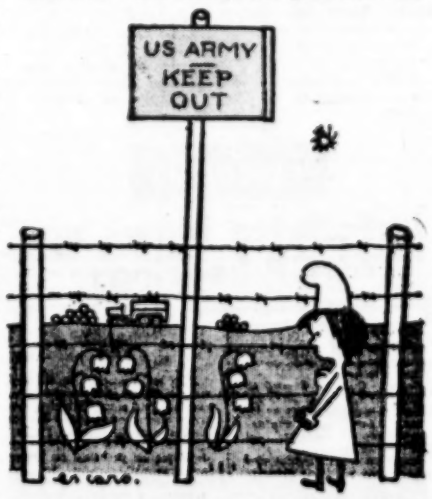
Special to the GUARDIAN

PARIS

TALK of "post-war reconstruction" of France can barely be heard above the din of American military trucks plying a day-and-night traffic across the country from Bordeaux to the German border and of construction, along the French coast, of fuel and munitions depots.

The nerve center of American military activity in France, formerly the Astoria Hotel in Paris, is now located in the rambling suburbs of Orleans. This Loire River city, almost completely flattened during the last war, is still largely in ruins. Shops, bars, theaters, homes are still in improvised wooden shacks or left-over quonset huts. When the American headquarters moved into the city early this year, however, three buildings—partially destroyed by wartime bombing—were renovated from top to bottom, equipped with everything from air-conditioning to fluorescent lighting.

REALLY HOT STUFF: But the most important military area lies below Bordeaux, where some 30 square miles have been blocked off into American property, with a variation of the right of extraterritoriality included. Here the main munitions depot is being established. The region is so "hot" that stevedores are urged to work slowly, are paid bonuses and are prohibited from wearing nailed shoes that might ignite sparks. According to a Swiss journalist who visited the region, the attitude of the people of Bordeaux adds up to:



Action, Paris

The first flower of Spring

> "Whether they are used for an American attack against the Russians or to stop a Russian attack against the West, that stuff means trouble for us. Whoever the aggressor is, we'll be the victims. We're running the risk of being reduced to ashes."

THE ROYAL GI: In comparison to the French army, with which it is supposed to be working on a basis of "equality," the American troops live like kings. A French captain earns some $150 per month—about the salary of an American sergeant. A French officer receives $2.50 per day while on special duty; an American officer about $9. More than one French bourgeois driving the highway from Orleans to Paris in his four-horsepower Renault feels like an impoverished cousin when American GIs roll past in their Buicks, Oldsmobiles and lesser-priced models.

While the politicians are exhibiting this U.S. military activity in France as proof that America is transforming its promises into actions to defend Western Europe, the people here are uneasy. Sooner or later, munitions are put to use.

As one Frenchman observed: **"We've never seen a flock of doves rise out of a stock of explosives."**

The showdown is coming in the Philippines

By Elmer Bendiner

What is not widely understood is that Philippine "bankruptcy and corruption" have an intimate relation to the American example in racketeering. . . . With more time and greater chances they [the Filipinos] will yet show they can equal or even surpass the stink familiar and now taken for granted in Washington. . . .

Statement issued from the office of Pres. Elpido Quirino, Manila, Oct., 1950.

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The crooks and grafters are so well entrenched in the highest levels of our officialdom that . . . there is no other way out for our country and people except armed struggle. . . . Clean elections under this government [are] impossible.

Luis Taruc, Hukbalahap leader, interviewed by Bagong Bugay, *July, 1950.*

MOVING EARLY this month for an attempted showdown with the Resistance—the Communist-led Hukbalahap organized to resist Japanese occupation, pledged to resist all foreign influences—the Washington-dominated government of the Philippines has sentenced six leading Communists to death in Manila and 20 others to long prison terms.

The government announced it is testing U.S.-supplied napalm (jellied gasoline which incinerates its victims) on the Resistance forces in the hills. Said U.S. Ambassador Myron Cowen, returning to report to Washington last week:

"Nothing gives the Philippine people more confidence than the presence of our 7th Fleet in the immediate waters of the Philippines."

But the armed struggle, which Taruc called the only way out for Filipinos demanding genuine independence and honest government, continues.

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS: What evoked the outburst last October from the office of the Philippines President—normally a compliant puppet—was a report by the U.S. Economic Survey Mission to the Philippines (Bell Report). The report found the islands wretchedly impoverished, the farmers helpless in the grip of feudal, usurious landlords, the land problem "worse than four years ago," taxes "heavily weighted against those with low incomes" —and recommended:

- Increase of excise and sales taxes (hitting the consumer) by 88,000,000 pesos, income and real estate taxes by 23,000,000 pesos.
- Lowering of income tax base to hit more of the poor.

THE SPIRIT CANNOT BE CRUSHED

Iluminade Calonge, 24, smiles and raises her fist in the worker's salute as she leaves the Manila courthouse where she was sentenced to death on charges of aiding Hukbalahap guerillas. She is handcuffed to Josefina Adelan, 17, who got ten years.

The Bell Act, which went along with nominal independence, forbids protective tariffs against U.S. goods up to 1954, then allows their gradual imposition over 20 years. This throws the islands' entire market open to well-developed U.S. industry beyond the competition of native business. For the U.S., nominal Philippines independence plus economic subjugation have meant good business. The annual profit take was $33,000,000 from 1938-40. In 1949—not counting hidden items such as excessive shipping charges—it had risen to $108,000,000.

The report reaffirms U.S. disapproval of heavy industry for the Philippines, and weaves the typical imperialist pattern by urging

. . . prompt consideration to the development of production of various strategic materials for which the U. S. provides an exceptionally favorable market.

ASK BILL & PHIL: Trade unions are encouraged in the report, but in the islands most genuine unions have been outlawed as "communist." Officially-approved unions, the report admits, are racket-ridden like the longshoremen's union which takes half the stevedore's pay before he sees it. The report suggests Filipinos need advice from U.S. labor leaders.

Phillippines police have murdered some leaders of the Congress of Labor Organizations. Natl. secy. Manuel Joven in 1949 was lured to the hills of Cavite, shot and hurled into a precipice.

Last January police rounded up 28 persons including CLO president and Manila city councilman Amado Hernandez, nine other CLO officials and several newspapermen. At last reports they were still being held in solitary confinement, with no formal charges lodged against them. Shortly after their arrest the government put through a minimum-wage law long fought by CLO, setting industrial wages at $2 a day in Manila, $1.50 in the provinces. In practice the minimum is certain to become the maximum. In 1949 an economic survey found $3 a day to be the barest minimum necessity.

CHINESE MEDICINE: Political corruption is a wide-open scandal. In the elections which installed the present administration, tanks patrolled many cities; in Negros province only voters with officially-stamped cards of approval could leave their houses to vote. In some areas pro-administration votes far exceeded the total population. In working-class districts of Manila ballot-boxes were removed before the polls opened.

The feudal land system, economic rule from abroad, gigantic corruption on top and poverty below carry inevitable reminders of Chiang Kai-shek's China. But Hernandez wrote before he was jailed:

China has shown a great example. The Filipinos are not hard to learn. The long history of five centuries of foreign oppression and exploitation of the Filipino people kindled an uprising every five years, and this wonderful tradition of undying patriotism is still true to this day.

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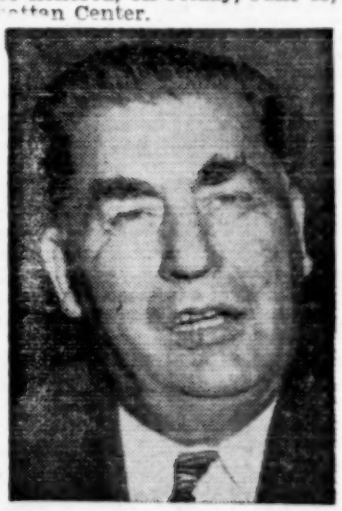
disarmament of Germany. A million ballots were in circulation last week.

In New York American Women for Peace planned a festival in behalf of the Congress, at which Paul Robeson will be honored, on Friday, June 15, at Manhattan Center.



SEN. EDWIN JOHNSON
Cordially invited

Cost of army jimcrow mounts

THREE years ago the President ordered segregation and discrimination ended in the armed forces. He did little or nothing to back it up. By last week it was estimated that no more than 2% of the Army's personnel has been "integrated." Negro soldiers were still segregated in separate units, jimcrowed in camps and towns and on the Korean battlefronts.

Getting wide distribution was a **Report on Korea** by Thurgood Marshall, special counsel of the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People. He had spent five weeks talking to court-martialed Negro soldiers and studying their records. His findings:

The men were tried in an atmosphere making justice impossible. . . . These cases are rooted in jimcrow policies still persisting in the Army. . . . The responsibility for maintaining the color line in the Army in the Far East rests with Gen. MacArthur. . . . The NAACP has the evidence to clear most of these hapless men of the unfounded charge of cowardice and have them returned to service in the U. S. Army. . . . As long as we have racial segregation in the Army we will have the type of injustice of which these courts martial are typical.

"NOT APPRECIATED": Army jimcrow was exacting its price elsewhere. Columbus, Ga., is near Ft. Benning, one of the largest Army posts in the U.S. Trouble brewed there long; several weeks ago a letter in the Pittsburgh **Courier** said:

Soldiers are being beaten, their money taken, and they are jailed and fined. . . . We do not appreciate this after fighting in Korea. . . . Why are we being sent here?

On April 28 two Negro soldiers arrested for disorderly conduct were beaten by white cops; one reportedly died of his injuries. Tension in the Negro community reached breaking point; on April 30—pay day in the Army—the break came. Soldiers filled the town. Again two were arrested on trivial charges. But this time the police force, plus deputized and armed civilians, staged what many are convinced was a planned raid on the Negro community. All businesses and places of entertainment were ordered closed. Men, women and children were indiscriminately clubbed. Diners in restaurants were beaten at their tables. Outside dance-halls rows of cops clubbed patrons as they were forced out. Military authorities declined to intervene.

Last week the situation was still simmering, new violence feared. A city-wide meeting of Negro citizens protested the police attacks, demanded prompt investigation.

"RE-EDUCATION" FOR NAZIS: The price of jimcrow was being paid in Germany, too. Karlsruhe was a "lily-white" soldiers' town until two Negro units were stationed there. White soldiers warned the Negroes to keep out of the night clubs; the Negroes defied them. Result: more than 100 soldiers battled each other with bottles for half an hour at a downtown club; nine were injured. A correspondent for the Baltimore **Afro-American** reported:

A crowd of some 400 Germans returning from a nearby movie crowded the sidewalks in front of the cafe to watch the battle between the brown and white American defenders of the principles of democracy.

Arkansas State Press, Little Rock
Must they come home to this?

FREEDOMS

LaFollette blows up at CP hearings

THE witness was balky. Repeatedly he defied chairman Charles M. LaFollette of the three-man panel considering government demands that the Communist Party must register as a foreign agent under the McCarran Act.

Joseph Zack Kornfeder—a professional government witness since the CP expelled him many years ago—refused to answer questions, argued with the chairman, shouted at defense attorneys. Government attorneys declined to admonish him. Panel member Peter Campbell Brown, a former Justice Dept. attorney, seemed to side with the witness against the chairman.

On Thursday LaFollette blew up. He tried to turn the chair over to Brown, who wouldn't have it; announced his own resignation; finally, still acting as chairman, recessed the hearings until June 4. Seth Richardson, chairman of the full five-man Subversive Activities Control Board, said LaFollette will be in the chair when the hearings resume.

"EVIDENT DISDAIN": Of his fellow panel member, LaFollette said:

"Mr. Brown . . . has already evidenced the remarkable capacity to make speedy and immediate rulings upon all objections presented to this panel. The fact that they almost uniformly amount to a sustaining of any position taken by the petitioner [the government] and a rejection of any position taken by the respondent is purely coincidental, I am sure."

Remarking that the government attorneys enjoy "great public support" in prosecuting the CP, he said it was impossible for him to "conduct these hearings in a way which will be consistent with orderly procedure." Of the attitude of government attorneys and their witnesses toward him, he said:

"While it is a matter which does not rise to the dignity of contempt, there is very evidently a disdain for the presiding member of this panel . . . which evidently is being transmitted to the petitioner's witnesses."

THE SPIT IN THE EYE: Vito Marcantonio, counsel for the CP, said:

"This substantiates the charge we made that a fair hearing is impossible under the McCarran Act. And a fair hearing is doubly impossible as long as the threat of lack of confirmation hangs over the heads of the members of this board."

By withholding confirmation, Sen. Pat McCarran holds a heavy club over the board. Last week the Washington **Post** commented:

In the course of the hearings . . . it was brought out that Benjamin Gitlow, a witness for the government, was making regular reports to Benjamin Mandel, research director for the Senate Judiciary Internal Security Subcommittee. This subcommittee under the chairmanship of Sen. McCarran will determine, when it chooses to do so, whether to recommend confirmation or rejection of the recess appointments. . . . Thus the board, which is supposed to sit as an independent and impartial tribunal, is held by the subcommittee, as it were, on the end of a leash.

Marcantonio was blunter. Speaking of the defiant Kornfeder he said:

"The action of this witness and the weak attitude of the board toward him had its

parallel in Italy shortly before Mussolini took power. The fascists would march into Italian courts and actually spit in the judge's eye and tell him there is a greater power than you."

Witch-hunts spread—10 states threatened

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSAULT on freedom is embodied in bills pending in at least ten states. Resisting these measures are the Progressive Party, trade unions and emergency committees which reach across all party lines.

CALIFORNIA

California is an active front. The loyalty oath decreed by the Board of Regents of the University of California had been declared unconstitutional by the Third District Court of Appeals; but individual regents last week appealed the case to the State Supreme Court. The Court is to decide before June 5 whether it will hear the case.

OBER THERE: Awaiting Gov. Warren's signature is the latest of Sen. Tenney's loyalty oaths, Patterned after Maryland's Ober Law, it would require any candidate for public office to swear he is not "engaged in one way or another in any attempt to overthrow the government by force and violence. . . ." The vagueness sets a trap for perjury charges. A similar oath is already required of California state, municipal and county workers, and one for lawyers is in the hopper.

Public workers are not only subject to oaths which set political standards for acceptability; under the Levering Act, signed last October, they are declassified as public employes, mobilized as civil defense workers, with all rules on qualifications and wages wiped out.

The resistance is led by the Federation for Repeal of the Levering Act, headed by Dr. Eason Monroe. Last week they were rallying Californians behind AB 1950, the bill to repeal the Levering Act, introduced by Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott (D-L.A.) and George D. Collins (D-S.F.)

ANTI-LABOR & LOVE: The legislators kept up a running fire on other freedoms. The Senate voted to retain on the statute books the law against "mixed marriages" though the state supreme court has already ruled the ban unconstitutional. The Assembly was considering a new bill designed to curb strikes "affecting perishable farm produce"—meaning dairy farmers in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties.

The courts chipped in on the general offensive. Federal Judge Ben Harrison upheld a lower court sentence of six months against Dr. Eugene M. Brunner, East Bay research physicist, for refusing to say whether or not he belonged to the Communist Party 1937-1939. Though Dr. Brunner pleaded self-incrimination, the judge ruled "the chances of incriminating yourself are remote."

In the schools the Los Angeles Federation of Teachers saved the job of probationary teacher Mrs. Barbara Morell who was asked for a statement to "clear up doubts" about her loyalty.

HARDER IN OHIO: Witch-hunting in Ohio was harder. The Legislature's subversive activities committee came under fire from the Toledo City Council, Cleveland Bar Assn. and Cleveland Press. It made its final report without any legislative recommendations.

DOUBTS IN OKLA.: Oklahoma's Gov. Johnston Murray "without enthusiasm" signed into law a bill requiring special loyalty oaths from public workers. Citing two provisions in the bill he believed unconstitutional, he said: "I assume somebody will test it."

Three professors at Oklahoma A & M College have already announced they will not sign. University of Okla. president George L. Cross said he would check his own associations first before deciding whether or not he would sign.

SHELVED IN N.C.: A similar measure was shelved in North Carolina when the Legislature adjourned without voting on it. The chaplain of the University of Colorado refused to take the loyalty oath there and resigned, drawing support from other faculty members and local progressives.

Franc-Tireur, Paris

"Our father, which art . . ."

NEWS ITEM: A mass was celebrated in Madrid to the memory of Adolf Hitler.

THREATS IN MICH., N. H.: The Michigan Legislature passed and sent to Gov. Williams a bill setting life imprisonment for "subversion" and establishing as a felony any refusal to inform on "subversives."

In the hopper of the New Hampshire House was a bill setting a $5,000 fine and five years' imprisonment for members of the Communist Party after next Sept. 1, also requiring loyalty oaths of political candidates. Another bill would ban all meetings of groups "advocating force and violence."

SLICK IN PA.: The Pechan loyalty oath legislation was revised in committee last week, but Lillian R. Narins, PP legislative representative in Pennsylvania, said:

"The amended bill includes all of the worst provisions of the original under cover of slick language and actually adds additional damaging provisions."

PLAY BALL IN ILL.: The Illinois House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reported out the Broyles Bill and scheduled a hearing May 23. Trade unionists and others gathered to testify but without notice the legislators postponed the hearing to join in a soft-ball game between Senate and House teams.

THE ARTS

Ferrer thought CP man was Democrat

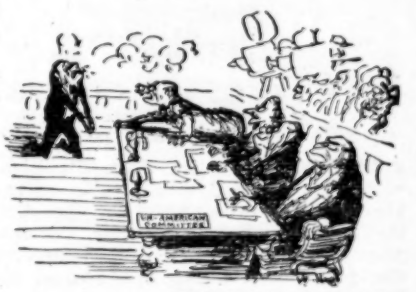
. . . 'Tis my soul
That I thus hold erect as if with stays,
And decked with daring deeds instead of ribbons,
Twirling my wit as it were my mustache,
The while I pass among the crowd, I make
Bold truths ring out like spurs.
—Cyrano de Bergerac

LAST week Jose Ferrer, who won an Academy Award for his performance of Cyrano, was using what stays he could find to hold his soul erect before the Un-American Activities Committee. Admitting his support of causes and organizations considered "Communist fronts" by the committee, he put it down to "plain, stupid carelessness" and ignorance, promised to shun such groups in future. He recommended outlawing the Communist Party, and thought the Justice Dept. and the committee should set up an agency for guidance of other ignorant actors.

Ferrer said he endorsed the candidacy of Communist Benjamin Davis for the New York City Council because he thought Davis was a Democrat. He had sponsored a New York May Day parade because he didn't know until a couple of months ago that May Day is a "communist holiday."

THE GOLDEN FINGER: Pleading ignorance before the committee seemed an unreliable stay for bleeding political

"Now, Mr. Ferrer, you say: 'Death before dishonor!'"



Drawings by Walter Ha

"Now, Mr. Ferrer, start crawling."

souls. Actor John Garfield had tried it earlier, swore he never knew a Communist, didn't know until recently that a "communist movement" existed in Hollywood. Last week the committee shipped his testimony to the Justice Dept. to check for possible perjury.

But naming names paid off. Edward Dmytryk, one of the original Hollywood Ten who went to jail for refusal to answer committee questions, last week had a $2,500-a-week directing job in Hollywood. He had gone before the committee and purged himself by disavowing his past, naming his associates.

Two others used the finger freely. From Vienna came veteran director Frank Wright Tuttle to tell the committee that his ten-year CP membership was a "monstrous error in judgment." Proceeding to name more than a score of persons as Communists, he said:

"I believe that there is a traditional dislike for informers, but I will be one."

Budd Schulberg, best-selling novelist, also appeared to explain that he ended a two-year CP membership in the late 'thirties because of "pressure to write under party guidance." He fled from Hollywood to Eastern solitude, a condition enabling him to write a best-seller glorifying F. Scott Fitzgerald. He, too, named several former friends as Communists.

THE BEGINNING: Four witnesses under subpena—writer Leonardo Bercovici, actors Alvin Hammer and Lloyd Gough, secretary Bea Winters—all refused to answer questions about their political beliefs or associations.

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CALENDAR

Chicago

JUNE FESTIVAL. Folk & Square dancing; Charlie Chaplin movie; refreshments. LIBERTY HALL, 3420 W. Roosevelt Rd. Donation $1. Sat., June 2, 8:30 p.m. until —? Sponsors: West Side Committee for a FREE PRESS.

ASP PRESENTS: at the Cultural Center, 946 N. Clark, Sun., June 3, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., "Stone Flower," charming fairy tale in color for both children and adults. Mat. adm. 50c & 75c plus tax. Eve. 75c & $1 plus tax. Children 25c.

NORTHSIDERS – SOUTHSIDERS: Win a prize at Bill's Party, June 9. Fill in last line of limerick below, send in together with this ad to be eligible to Progressive Party, 136 W. Washington St.:

Said a Handsome Young Miller
named Bill:
"These tasks that I have to
fulfill
Are making me gray—
I wish that some day
(.....).

Stage show MC'd by Oscar Brown Jr., includes Greg Pascal, singer; premiere of new skit, "Just Plain Bill"; Percy Walker's band for dancing at Gigantic Dance-Party for Bill Miller, People's Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago. Admission: $1.

New York

VOLUNTEER NIGHT, Thursday, June 7. Everybody welcome, any time 7-11 p.m. Help mail our Viet Nam issue and hear talk during work intermission by Gerhard Hagelberg, authority on this important area of the Far East. Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, Room 329, 80 E. 11th St., N. Y. C.

ART EXHIBIT: 100 works entered in the Peace & Progress competition of graphic arts will be shown daily, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Church of the Ascension, 12 W. 11th St., till June 7. Competition sponsored by Art Division, N. Y. Council of ASP.

ALL EXPENSE WEEK-END IN CONNECTICUT, June 15-17. Social staff, swimming, tennis. $23.50 per person including transportation, tips, etc. For reservations call GE 5-2347 or GE 6-1415 Borough Park ALP.

Philadelphia

SALUTE TO VITO MARCANTONIO and Eslanda Goode Robeson, spokesmen for Peace and Freedom, Wednesday, June 6, 8 p.m. sharp., at THE MET, Broad & Poplar Sts. General Adm. 65c (tax inc.) Auspices: Progressive Party, 1215 Walnut St.

Detroit

DR. SCOTT NEARING WILL SPEAK Sunday, June 3: "The Struggle for Peace in U. S. A." Monday, June 4: "Do We Want Peace?" Tuesday, June 5: "What Will Peace Cost?" Promptly at 8 p.m. at Jewish Cultural Assoc., 2705 Jay Rd. Auspices: Detroit World Events Forum.

Los Angeles

"BEHIND THE NEWS"—seminar on current events with Martin Hall, noted lecturer and journalist. Every Mon. eve., 8 p.m., Severance Room, 1st Unitarian Church, 2936 W. 8 St.

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In California screenwriter Paul Jarrico, who recently defied the committee, told an audience that he and producer-director Adrian Scott of the Hollywood Ten plan to make their own films with blacklisted actors and writers; their projects include Haywood Patterson's **Scottsboro Boy** and James Aldridge's **The Diplomat.** He said the committee victims' careers are not ended:

"End, hell! It's only the beginning. We're going to write novels, plays, screen stories. We're going to have a real people's culture in the United States."

LABOR

UPW presses against cracked ceiling

SINCE February the Wage Stabilization Board had been sitting on the 11c-an-hour raise won by the CIO United Packinghouse Workers. The employers had yielded to the demand at the point of a strike and passed the buck to the board.

Last week the board approved 9c of the raise, though it pierced the ceiling the board had set for all raises. But it limited the benefits of the raise to workers in the big four plants: Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy. One-third of the CIO union's members and most AFL workers were excluded. The 2c demanded by CIO-UPW to cover wage inequities as well as the wage of the small-plant workers was referred to special committees. The raise gives the average large-plant packinghouse worker $64 for a 40-hour week.

At a two-day wage conference of the UPW, Pres. Ralph Helstein attacked the discriminatory provisions of the board as a "mink-coat decision." Delegates drew up these new demands: a general wage increase Aug. 11 (next reopener under existing contracts); periodic wage reopeners; minimum wage for the industry; end hourly rate of payment, unequal pay for women and geographical pay differentials.

REUTHER'S ANSWER: Peacetime production schedules at the Hudson Motor Car Co., Detroit, call for 13,000 men turning out 120 cars an hour. Last week Hudson laid off 10,000 men for a two-week period, announced that it would take back only enough to maintain a schedule of 40 cars an hour.

The cutback is caused by military priorities on materials. Walter Reuther, president of the CIO United Auto Workers, said his union would at once protest to the government its slowness in giving Hudson war orders.

JOBS, NO JIMCROW: "Jobs for Negroes" is the rallying cry for the first convention of the Harlem Trade Union Council, set for June 1 and 2. Chairman Ewart Guinier and Secy. Ferdinand Smith will put these objectives before the delegates:

- Crack Jimcrow barriers in the building trades and printing. Set up an apprentice program.
- A hiring hall for domestic workers.
- Spread the campaign now under way among Negro workers: "Buy where you can work." Coca-Cola is already under fire; many breweries may be hit unless they open up bottling and distributing jobs to Negroes.

Anyone representing 50 or more workers, organized or unorganized, in any shop in the city may apply for credentials at the council's offices, 53 West 125th St. The council expects 600 delegates. The convention will start June 1 with a public evening concert by Paul Robeson at the Golden Gate Ballroom, 142d St. and Lenox Av. The business sessions will start June 2 at the Johnson Lodge, 15 W. 126th St.

IN MEMORIAM: On April 13, 1950, tobacco worker Moranda Smith, South Atlantic regional director of the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers' Union, died in the midst of an organizing campaign in Winston-Salem, N. C. She had given her life to organizing in the South.

On Sunday, June 3, the Moranda Smith Memorial Committee will unveil a monument over her grave in Evergreen Cemetery, Winston-Salem. Flowers and messages are being received at Howard-Robinson Funeral Home, 705 Patterson Av., Winston-Salem.

NEW YORK

Teachers protest 'slave labor'

NEW York City's Board of Education ruled last week that teachers must perform duties out of classroom hours or face charges of insubordination. At the same time it granted wage raises of just over half the $750 its own fact-finding comittee had recommended. Present wages range from $2,650 a year to $5,275 after 16 years, with $200 extra for a master's degree.

While the board announced its decisions at its Brooklyn office, 500 pickets from various teacher organizations paraded outside; 200 more jammed the meeting room. Later the teachers met, denounced the wage schedules as "chicken-feed," the extra-time ruling as "slave labor."

CHIPS ARE DOWN: The High School Teachers Assn., the AFL Teachers Guild and the Teachers Union had unitedly refused all extra-curricular duties since April, 1950, as a means of forcing official recognition of wage demands.

Last week the front was still unbroken. The High-School Teachers Assn. talked of "passive resistance," which the board said it would regard as a violation of the state law against civil service strikes. The Teachers Union warned of spreading the stoppage, called for an emergency conference of teachers to plan further action.

FARM

Farmers win round 1 in co-op tax fight

AMONG the Democratic Party's promises to farmers in 1948 was a pledge to oppose "any revision of federal law designed to curtail their [farm co-operatives'] most effective functioning as a means of achieving economy, stability and security for American agriculture."

Last week farm co-ops — strongest bulwark against big business monopolies—were still fighting for their existence against well-financed schemes to destroy them by appyling the corporation income tax to their savings.

For several years a National Tax Equality Assn. has campaigned unrelentingly for punitive taxes against the co-ops. With an income estimated at nearly $650,000 in 1950, NTEA maintains one of the most active lobbies in Washington; organizational offshoots work on local levels to influence state legislatures. It has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising the lie that co-ops don't pay their fair share of taxes.

NOW IT'S '51: President Truman from time to time has assured farm organizations he stands by the 1948 pledge. But recently his Treasury Secy. and the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation recommended to the House Ways and Means Committee that it apply NTEA's tax proposals. Delegations of farm leaders hurried to Washington; NTEA followed up its advantage with full-page ads in Washington newspapers.

The farmers won the first round: the House Ways and Means Committee voted not to change the tax status of co-ops in its current tax bill. But several committee members are known to be sympathetic to the NTEA scheme, and Treasury recommendations go even further. The fight was still brewing last week and was far from over.

CO-OPS IN THE COLD: Discriminatory taxation was not the only battle farmers were having with the government. Key posts in federal "defense" power agencies were going to representatives of private power companies; of some 40 representatives of rural co-operative groups, not one received an appointment. With authority over allocation of materials and services in the hands of private power companies, leaders foresaw a crippling of the whole Rural Electrification program.

The same thing was happening to the government's rural telephone program. Less than a year old, it is now under heavy attack by American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the Northwestern and Southwestern Bell Companies. Representatives or supporters of these groups hold key posts in the Natl. Production Authority and the Defense Production Administration; several state legislatures are considering bills to ban or cripple rural telephone co-ops.

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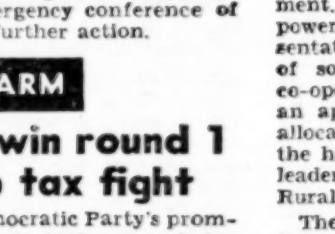

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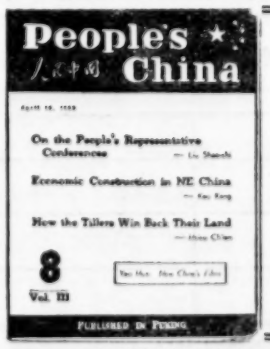

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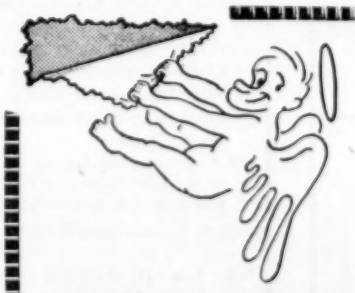

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